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MILWAUKEE FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSION ISSUES **REPORT ON POLICE VEHICLE PURSUITS**

The Fire and Police Commission (FPC) has published a report on police vehicle pursuits from 2002 through 2009. The report analyzes the number of pursuits initiated by the Milwaukee Police Department, together with the reason for its initiation, speeds and distances covered, and the outcome, including number of accidents and injuries. Some highlights:

- 1,688 vehicle pursuits between 2002 and 2009
- 1 to 2 miles average distance
- 50 mph average maximum speed
- 2009 had 163 pursuits, 67 that resulted in a traffic accident
- Pursuits resulting in an accident decreased by 33% from 2007 to 2009

Michael Tobin, Executive Director of the FPC stated:

“The Fire and Police Commission approved a change to the Milwaukee Police Department vehicle pursuit policy on March 26, 2010. This change was intended to decrease the number of high speed vehicle pursuits on our city streets while allowing officers discretion to capture known felons and interrupt crimes in progress. The members of the Police Department have been doing an exemplary job keeping our community safe. This report will help us analyze the impact of the latest policy change and identify any needed modifications as the data becomes available.”

The report will be discussed at the FPC Regular Meeting today in City Hall, Room 301-A at 5:30 p.m. The public is invited to participate.

The report is available at <http://www.city.milwaukee.gov/fpc>

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